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SUBJECT:INR ATTENDANCE AT SHILOAH INSTITUTE SEMINAR

1. IF EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION, INR PLANS TO SEND RANDALL ELLIOTT, MIDDLE EAST ANALYST, OFFICE OF POLITICAL-MILITARY AFFAIRS AND THEATRE FORCES, TO ISRAEL MARCH 21-28 TO ATTEND SHILOAH INSTITUTE SEMINAR "U.S. AND MIDDLE EAST POLICY" AS OBSERVER. CONFERENCE, WHICH WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ENGLISH, WILL HAVE SEVERAL U.S. AND OTHER FOREIGN ACADEMIC PARTICIPANTS BUT MAINLY ISRAELI SCHOLARS. JUDGING FROM LIST OF PARTICIPANTS CONFERENCE WILL BE WEIGHTED IN POLITICAL-MILITARY FIELD AND SHOULD AFFORD ELLIOT GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO SIZE UP ISRAELI THINKING ON SUCH ISSUES.

2. ELLIOTT WOULD LIKE TO USE FIRST DAY IN ISRAEL (MARCH 22) TO CONSULT WITH EMOFFS INCLUDING DAO AND WOULD WELCOME ADVICE OR GUIDANCE THEY MAY OFFER ABOUT THE CONFERENCE.

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3. WE DO NOT EXPECT THAT LITERATURE OF CONFERENCE LISTING PARTICIPANTS AND OBSERVERS WILL HIGHLIGHT ELLIOTT'S BACKGROUND AND CURRENT ASSIGNMENT. (FYI: ELLIOT WAS A DIA ANALYST AS USAF OFFICER. IN THAT CAPACITY HE ATTENDED U.S.-ISRAELI INTELLIGENCE CONFERENCES IN ISRAEL AND U.S.

HE JOINED INR AS ANALYST (CIVILIAN) IN OCTOBER 1977.

END FYI

4. ARRANGEMENTS FOR ELLIOTT'S ATTENDANCE WERE MADE THROUGH HIS FACULTY ADVISOR (ELLIOTT IS A PHD CANDIDATE AT GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY), PROFESSOR BERNARD REICH, ONE OF CONFERENCE SPEAKERS. ISRAELI EMBASSY ASSISTED IN ARRANGING INVITATION AND IS AWARE OF ELLIOTT'S TRAVEL PLANS.

5. PLEASE RESERVE SINGLE ROOM FOR 22-28 MARCH. SHERATON HOTEL OR OTHER HOTEL WHERE DISCOUNT ON ROOM RATE IS AVAILABLE WOULD BE PREFERABLE. VANCE

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